KGF is Linking with IRRI-BRRI for Varietal Development Research on Boro Rice

An agreement has been signed between Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF) and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in collaboration with Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI). The main objective of the agreement to develop *Boro* rice varieties having cold tolerance ability at the reproductive phase with shorter growth duration enough to avoid flash flood in late April under those adverse hoar areas of Habiganj, Sunamganj and Kishoreganj regions. The varieties must have yield comparable to that of BRRI dhan29 with desirable grain quality.

ED, KGF and IRRI Country Representative signing the agreement

This is a long-term partnership first of this kind to develop a variety specific for the adverse flash-flood prone areas during maturity of the crop.

Dr Jiban Krishna Biswas, Executive Director, KGF as the First Party signed the agreement. On behalf of IRRI Dr. Matthew Morrel, Director General. IRRI, Dr. Humnath Bhandari, IRRI representative to Bangladesh was present at the signing ceremony. The ceremony was arranged at KGF Board Room, BARC Complex, Farmgate, Dhaka on 01 September 2020. BRRI will act as a component Organization in the Project.

ED, KGF and IRRI Country Representative signing the agreement with witness

Dr. Tapan Kumar Dey, Senior Program Specialist (Crops) and the other Specialists witnessed the signing ceremony. Dr. Biswas addressed the ceremony as the Chairperson. He said that both organizations should work together to develop rice varieties and relevant technologies good for growing any conditions. So that it would be easy to double the crop productivity to achieve the SDG.

Discussion on the agreement

Audience of the signing ceremony

KGF is responsible to provide financial assistance to the Project where as IRRI and BRRI with the technical assistance. The project would be completed within five years from October 2020 to September 2025. KGF and IRRI Experts attended the signing ceremony.